

**CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**San Luis Obispo, California 93407**  
**ACADEMIC SENATE**

**MINUTES OF**  
**The Academic Senate Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**  
**01-409, 3:10–5:00 p.m.**

- I. Minutes: none.
- II. Communications and Announcements: none.
- III. Reports:
  - A. Academic Senate Chair: Soares introduced Dr. Erling Smith, Vice Provost for Strategic Initiatives & Planning, who reported that the groundwork for the new Cal Poly Strategic Plan is complete and ready to move to the next phase. A merger of various strategic themes and work groups is anticipated as well as a reduction of objectives. Feedback on draft documents for the strategic plan will be solicited as they move along.
  - B. President's Office: Howard-Greene announced that the governor has approved the state budget. In addition, Howard-Greene mentioned that at fall conference, President Baker stated that as part of the budget, Cal Poly will receive lease-revenue bond funding for the new Center for Science. President Baker's remarks will be published and distributed soon.
  - C. Provost: Durgin reported that Cal Poly was anticipating a \$7.3 million budget shortfall, but the final budget reduced that shortfall to \$3 million, however, it does not fund the compact. Enrollment for fall quarter is 19,228 students, which translates to an estimated census enrollment of 19,511 with target enrollment being 19,501. The freshmen class is composed of 3,500 first time students and 800 transfer students with an average GPA of 3.76, SAT reading scores of 578, and math scores of 622.
  - D. Statewide Senate: Senator Foroohar announced that the first meeting was held last week in Long Beach, where Gary Reichards, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer, discussed the Voluntary System of Accountability Program. John Travis, CFA liaison, reported on many subjects, with the main issue being the possibility of re-openers if the compact is not funded. Senator LoCascio serves on the Lower Division Transfer Practice (LDTP) Committee, which is discussing the lack of agreement between community junior colleges and the CSU. Also a member of Academic Affairs Committee, LoCascio attended a presentation of the AAC&U on how to help minority students participate in clubs and other extra curricular activities. David Conn, Vice Provost for Academic Programs, explained that the Voluntary System of Accountability Program [<http://www.voluntarysystem.org/index.cfm>] provides statistical information on various universities and stems from a report by Margaret Spellings, US Secretary of Education, to provide standardized information about campuses.
  - E. CFA Campus President: none.
  - F. ASI Representative: none.
  - G. Caucus Chairs: none.

H. Other: none.

IV. Consent Agenda: none.

V. Business Items:

- A. Resolution on Academic Calendar Religious Holiday Observance (Instruction Committee): Schaffner presented the resolution, which repeals resolution AS-511-98/IC *Resolution on the Academic Calendar: Resolving Conflicts with Religious Holidays* and allows students to miss the first day of classes for the observance of a religious holiday. M/S/F to agendize the resolution. Former committee chair, Andrew Schaffner, will bring comments received to the Instruction Committee.
- B. Resolution on Master of Arts in Biological Sciences (Curriculum Committee): Hannings presented the resolution, which proposes a Master of Arts in Biological Sciences degree. M/S/P to agendize the resolution.
- C. Resolution on *Policy Concerning Periodic Review of College Deans* (Faculty Affairs Committee): Foroohar presented the resolution, which proposes new policy for the review of college deans. M/S/P to agendize resolution.
- D. Academic Senate and University committee vacancies: The following were approved:
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| <u>College of Architecture and Environmental Design</u> |   |
| Sustainability Committee                                | Joseph Ragsdale, Landscape Architecture |
| <u>College of Education</u>                             |   |
| Curriculum Committee                                    | Josh Machamer, Theatre and Dance        |
| Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee                        | Penny Bennett, Graphic Communication    |
| Instructional Advisory Committee on Computing           | Francisco Fernflores, Philosophy        |
- E. Approval of Amie Hammond as senator for PCS (2008-2010 term): M/S/P to approve Amie Hammond as PCS senator for 2008-2010.

VI. Discussion Items:

- A. Charges and assigned time for committee chairs: Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.
- B. Faculty Social Hour: Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.
- C. Action Items Anticipated During 2008-2009: Due to lack of time, this item was not discussed.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Submitted by,

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